# NEUROSCIENCE, B.S.

## Degree Requirements (120 hours)

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### Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/).

### Carolina Core (32-46 hours)

**CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)**

*Must be passed with a grade of C or higher.*

- ENGL 101*
- ENGL 102*

**ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-8 hours)**

- MATH 122 (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=MATH%20122)* or MATH 141 (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=MATH%20141)*
- MATH 142 (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=MATH%20142)* or MATH 170 (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=MATH%20170)* or MATH 172 (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=MATH%20172)*

**SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)**

- BIOL 101 (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=BIOL%20101)* & BIOL 101L (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=BIOL%20101L)*
- BIOL 102 (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=BIOL%20102)* & BIOL 102L (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/search/?P=BIOL%20102L)*

**GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)**

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.

- CC-GFL courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

*It is strongly recommended that students continuing the study of a foreign language begin college-level study of that language in their first semester and continue in that language until their particular foreign language requirement is completed.*

**GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)**

- any CC-GHS course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

**GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)**

- PSYC 101*

**AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)**

- any CC-AIU course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

**CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component 1 (3 hours)**

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

**INF – Information Literacy 1 (0-3 hours)**

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

**VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility (3 hours)**

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

- PHIL 321* (recommended for Pre-Med)

### College Requirements (15-18 hours)

**Foreign Language (0-3 hours)**

- only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency

**Analytical Reasoning (6 hours)**

- STAT 205, STAT 509, or STAT 515*
- CSCE 102 or higher*

*Note: For the statistics requirement, students who have previously completed PSYC 220 and STAT 201 with a grade of C or better before declaring the Neuroscience major may use STAT 201 to fulfill this requirement.*

**History (3 hours)**

The College of Arts and Sciences requires one additional GHS course beyond the Carolina Core GHS requirement.
• If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a U.S. history course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a non-U.S. history course.

• If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a non-U.S. history course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a U.S. history course.

Please select the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement from the approved list of U.S. and non-U.S. history courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-requirement/).

Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities (6 hours)

• Social Science (3 hours)
  • The College of Arts and Science requires one 3-hour Social Science Course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-social-science/)
  • SOCY 101* (recommended for Pre-Med)

• Fine Arts/Humanities (3 Hours)
  • A Bachelor of Science from the College of Arts and Sciences requires one 3-hour Fine Arts/Humanities Course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-fine-arts-humanities/)
  • CLAS 230* (recommended for Pre-Med)

Program Requirements (20-37 hours)

Supporting Courses (19 hours)

Must be passed with a grade of C or higher

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Note: Supporting courses are prerequisites for Major Requirements. Eight hours may also be used to fulfill the requirements for a Minor, Cognate or second Major.

Cognate or Minor (0-18 hours)

This major does not require a cognate or minor.

An optional cognate or minor may be added to a student’s program of study. A minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University. A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z. An optional additional major may also be added to a student’s program of study. Additional majors must include all major courses as well as any prescribed courses noted (*) in the bulletin. Prescribed courses noted in the bulletin may be shared with Carolina Core, College requirements, and Program requirements in the primary program.

A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z.

Cognate (12 hours)

The cognate must consist of twelve (12) hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of but related to the major. The cognate may be taken in one or more departments or programs.

Courses offered by departments and programs that are acceptable for cognate credit are outlined in the section titled Courses Acceptable for Cognate Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-cognate/). Some major programs have specific cognate requirements. It should be emphasized that the cognate is not a second set of elective courses to be chosen at random by the student. Students are urged to consult their major advisors for specific requirements in their major.

Unless otherwise noted, for Bachelor of Science degrees, cognate courses passed with a grade of D or higher are acceptable.

Minor (18 hours)

In place of the cognate a student in the College of Arts and Sciences may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of prescribed courses.

The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. It differs from the cognate inasmuch as the courses must follow a structured sequence.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University.

A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/).

Electives (0-18 hours)

120 (or 128) degree applicable credits are required to complete any degree at UofSC. After the cognate, minor or second major is complete, any additional credits needed to reach 120 (or 128) total credits can be fulfilled by electives. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Note: CHEM 334/CHEM 332L, PHYS 201, and PHYS 202 are recommended electives for Pre-Med.

Major Requirements (36 hours)

A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses

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Note: Students may take additional courses from the Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience core courses to fulfill the major electives.

**Major Electives (12 hours)**

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II. Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience Concentration (12 hours)

Course  | Title                                | Credits |
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Biol 460 | Advanced Human Physiology             | 3       |
Biol 534 | Animal Behavior                       | 3       |
Biol 543 | Comparative Physiology                | 3       |
Comd 501 | Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms | 3 |
Exsc 351 | Acquisition of Motor Skills           | 3       |

List A (minimum 3 hours)

- BIOL 460 Advanced Human Physiology 3
- BIOL 534 Animal Behavior 3
- BIOL 543 Comparative Physiology 3
- Comd 501 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms 3
- Exsc 351 Acquisition of Motor Skills 3

List B (minimum 3 hours)

- Psyc 400 Survey of Learning and Memory 3
- Psyc 450 Sensation and Perception 3
- Psyc 503 Psychology of Drug Use and Effects 3
- Psyc 550 Advanced Sensation and Perception 3
- Psyc 571 Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory 3
- Psyc 572 Cognitive Psychology Laboratory 3

Note: Students may take additional courses from the Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience core courses List A or B to fulfill the major electives.

III. Neurodevelopment and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Concentration (12 hours)

Course  | Title                                | Credits |
---------|---------------------------------------|---------|
Biol 505 | Developmental Biology                 | 3       |
Psyc 420 | Survey of Developmental Psychology    | 3       |
Select 6 hours from the following: |   | 6
- Biol 614 Stem Cell Biology
- Biol 634 Biology of Neurological Diseases
- Psyc 510 Child Behavioral and Mental Disorders
- Psyc 520 Psychology of Child Development
- Psyc 521 Psychology of Adolescence

Total Credit Hours 12

BS WITH DISTINCTION IN NEUROSCIENCE (45 HOURS)

Available to students majoring in Neuroscience who wish to participate in significant research activities in their major field under the supervision of a faculty mentor.

Prerequisite

A minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major, and 3.50 cumulative, is required to apply for a BS with Distinction in Neuroscience.

Requirements

- A written thesis demonstrating significant original work and approved by the thesis committee. The student may use their senior thesis to simultaneously fulfill other requirements as well (e.g., Honors College Thesis), at the discretion of the thesis advisor.
- A public presentation of the Senior Thesis research.
- Successful fulfillment of all requirements below with a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major and 3.50 cumulative.
- Completion of all major requirements, plus 9 additional credit hours including:
  - A minimum of three credit hours of independent research (in addition to any hours taken as part of the major requirements)
  - A minimum of three upper-level credits from the list of approved neuroscience electives (can include additional credits of independent research)
  - NSCI 499 (3 hours) or SCHC 499 (3 hours)

Note: South Carolina Honors College students satisfying the above requirements will graduate with "Honors from the South Carolina Honors College" and with "Distinction in Neuroscience."